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ATTEMPT ASSASSINATION OF MORGAN

WOULD BE ASSASSIN BELIEVED IRATIONAL ON ACCOUNT OF WORK

Glen Cove, July 2.—Officers at the scene of Frank Holt, who today shot and wounded J. P. Morgan, say that he admitted that he was the man who put the bomb in the capital. It is claimed that he said he went to Washington from Ithaca, where he had been teaching in Cornell University, set a bomb, and then left about midnight for New York, going to J. P. Morgan's immediately. Police Captain Tunney confirms the officer's statement.

Doctors at Morgan's residence issued a bulletin, saying that Morgan's wounds did not require any vital organ. His condition continues excellent.

Edenopepe that the killer warned Morgan to go upstairs. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan ran upstairs, thinking that a burglar was there. They then came down again almost bumping into the intruder. Mrs. Morgan attempted to throw herself between the would-be assassin and her husband. Morgan pushed by and hurled a weight at the assailant just as the robbers were fired. The bullets struck Morgan, but the wounds are not serious, it is claimed. The report that an operation would be performed on Morgan had not been confirmed. There are rumors that all is not well with him, however.

Under the sweating Holt said that he did not intend to kill Morgan, but felt that he was responsible for prolonging the war. Holt says that no one influenced him. He was arraigned charged with assault in the first degree, which covers attempted murder. Holt is believed to be irrational. The judge entered a formal plea of not guilty, and Holt was bound over for a hearing Wednesday without bail.

Washington, July 2.—The police have got word that Holt was the man who set the capital bomb, but there are no details. Over the telephone, the government is trying to find if there is any widespread plot in the case. It is feared that there is an organized plot. Guards are being maintained around public buildings as a result.

By United Press.

Dallas, July 2.—Presiding Elder Sensabaugh of the Dallas district of the M. E. Church of the South, father-in-law of Frank Holt, was informed by the United Press that there is no doubt as to Holt being his son-in-law. Rev. Sensabaugh said that Holt had sent him a package from New York recently and that his wife got a letter this morning saying that he had been ill and despondent for a week. Rev. Sensabaugh declared that Holt was a strong advocate of peace and disciple of Mr. W. J. Bryan. He was strongly opposed to war. Holt had been overworking for five years and recently had been doing fourteen to eighteen hours work daily. He was not well. He was staying in New York for a couple of weeks and then planned to go to Ithaca and come here, as he was engaged to teach French in the Southern Methodist University here. Holt has been teaching German in Cornell University.

Rev. Sensabaugh says that the strain is killing Mrs. Holt. No one is allowed to see her. Rev. Mr. Sensabaugh says that Holt was not socialist nor anarchist.

By Associated Press.

New York, July 2.—J. P. Morgan, who is the financial agent for Great Britain in this country, was shot twice, but not seriously wounded, at his country home near Glen Cove, Long Island, today by Frank Holt, of Dallas, Texas, a man of mixed German and French descent, according to a statement given out.

In a signed statement, Holt said that he went to see Mr. Morgan to persuade him to influence the millionaires of the United States, who are financing the European war, to have an embargo placed on arms. Morgan was shot in the arm and hip, but talked over the phone to New York, saying that he was not seriously wounded.

CHURCH SERVICES ON LAST SUNDAY

SERVICES AT RESPECTIVE SANCTUARIES—RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The churches in Snyder resumed services in their respective sanctuaries last Sunday morning and at night. The Presbyterians, Christians and Methodists held a service together at the City Park Auditorium. Rev. J. C. Bigbee, pastor of the Presbyterian church preached an interesting sermon.

The Baptists had baptismal services Sunday afternoon. The ordinance was administered to three candidates and two others joined by letter.

The Christian church also had a baptismal service, when ten were baptized. Nine persons joined the Methodist church at the morning service and five of those were baptized at the altar.

There were two additions by letter to the Presbyterian church.

Brott & Poore will preach at the Auditorium next Sunday night.

OUTLAWRY SHOULD BE CONDEMNED

There are plenty of ways to rid a community of undesirable people and things without resorting to firebrands and dynamite. A man who will blow up a house and murder human beings is at heart a murderer of the assassin kind. A law abiding community shudders at the thought of a dynamiter in their midst. Humanity is in peril, and no man can feel absolutely safe. Such lawlessness is bound to reflect on the good name and prosperity of the community.

The Signal is assured that since the outrageous occurrence here Wednesday night the gentlemen representing the promoters of the complot has said that if there is to be trouble with labor here big people will not want to invest their money.

The town needs honest laborers and the laws provide for removal of vicious and objectionable characters.

ed. Morgan's bullet struck Holt over the head with a coal rod, felling him. He was carried to jail.

Holt had two revolvers, two large boxes of cartridges, three sticks of dynamite, and a bottle of nitroglycerine. Holt said that the authority to shoot Morgan came from on high, but later Holt appeared unable to realize what had been done. The effect on the stock market was negligible.

Glen Cove, July 2.—Holt's confession was announced tonight by Justice Luyster and Thomas Lunney, head of bomb and anarchist squad, New York City detectives. They said Holt described the details of the explosion. The bomb was unique in the annals of the New York police department.

"I made the bomb," Holt is quoted as saying. "With three sticks of dynamite, some match heads and a bottle of sulphuric acid, I took three sticks of dynamite, bound them together and with a pocket knife hollowed out a hole in one and placed some match heads in the hole. Then I took a little bottle of sulphuric acid and put a regular cork in it. I tied the bottle to a stick of dynamite so the neck would be in the hole. I figured exactly how long it would take the sulphuric acid to eat through the cork and get to the match heads. I knew just exactly when the bomb would go off. After I placed it in the capitol I hung around a while. I knew there was no danger of it going off then. I stayed in Washington until I heard the sound of the explosion. Then I caught a train to New York. Later came here."

The confession, which it is announced Holt made, came right after a newspaper man asked him if he did this and he denied flatly to them any connection with the Capital explosion. Holt said he went to the Morgan home with a pistol in his hand and dynamite in his pocket, to stay there until Morgan "did something." He said he had no intention to harm Morgan but wanted to persuade him to stop the shipment abroad of munitions of war. Holt arrived at the Morgan home while Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and the British Ambassador were eating breakfast.

TELEPHONE WORK IS PROGRESSING

LARGE NUMBERS OF WORKMEN EMPLOYED ON CONSTRUCTION WORK

The Southwestern Telephone Company is making rapid progress in the construction of their new telephone system at this place. They now have a force of workmen pushing the work as rapidly as possible. Four or five cars of material have been received and Manager W. P. Duerkell stated that the material is of the very best and that the work is in charge of skilled workmen which will guarantee Snyder a standard telephone system.

The construction work, necessitating moving men, is being done off the public highway, hence does not make a marked appearance, however the effect will be visible sooner or later.

Snyder welcomes this long hoped for improvement.

Delightful Joy Ride

Through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. J. Arch Farmer, the Signal editor, and wife had the pleasure of a delightful automobile run last Sunday evening. Mr. Farmer had his Ford in the shape and as we sped on, in past green pastures and fields of brilliant maize, hafir, teffira and cotton, the miles of distance passed out of mind and in just a little while we shot down the brakies on the public square at Ira. The town was quiet, the stores were all closed and Dr. Merrill, Druggist Brown, F. W. Harder and other residents were grouped in a bunch and it is supposed that Harder was discussing on the latest curves in baseball and Huerta's probable fate if he is to be turned over to Villa's regulation.

After a short stop we sped on to Ira and thence back to Snyder in time to go to church. The country looks good, crops are clean and a fellow can't help feeling enthused in looking out over the broad views of valley farms and comfortable country homes.

A Trip to Colorado

A crowd of Snyder young folks went to Colorado Sunday and there they were entertained by the young people of Colorado. The Snyder boys and girls extend their hearty thanks to Miss Bessie Morgan, the hostess, at Colorado for showing them a good time. Including those who went from here were: Misses Lucille Galloway, Charlotte Sturdivant, Dara Dawson, Velma Howell, of Lorraine Meers, Augustina Howell, Grayson Baker, Forest Sears, Dick Henderson, Ned Galloway and Ollie Braten.

Miss Ruby Clark had been spending last week with the Colorado girls and returned home Sunday afternoon with the Snyder crowd.

NEW CONCRETE WORK—MORE IS NEEDED

The Signal rejoices with others because a concrete crossing is being built from the Blackard corner to the Post Office. New let us hope for the filling in of the gap at the northeast corner of the square.

While on this subject the Signal wants to compliment the State Bank people on building a concrete cutter along the north side of their building and the time is ripe to have the same kind of work done all around the public square. It would help the appearance and add to cleanliness.

Halton Bell, of New Mexico who was sometime ago adjudged insane became troublesome Monday morning in the jail and when Sheriff Merrill went in to quiet him he was rushed by Mr. Merrill and out through the door. The Sheriff and George Brown were quick to the chase and soon had the man back in the lockup.

Bob Blackard says he went over on Bull creek this week and caught one fish that weighed six pounds and the next haul brought out one that was a ten pounder. Now Henry Kin and Tom want to leave Pace to run the store while they try their luck.

THE NEGRO HOTEL WAS DYNAMITED

TWO BOMBS PLACED UNDER THE BUILDING—ONLY ONE IS EXPLODED

An attempt was made about 2 o'clock Thursday morning to blow up the two-story negro hotel situated a block northeast of the public square.

It is said there were two bombs placed on top of the ground under the northeast corner of the house. Only one went off. It shows to have been set off to a rose about a yard long. The other bomb failed to burst. It had been thrown further under and was immediately under a bed where it is said a man and a woman were sleeping. This bomb is dynamite and is fairly large.

The explosion was heard by a number of people in the neighborhood.

The floor of the room was completely torn up, window panes were broken and the entire building was shaken and cracks of the houses were badly frightened.

One negro woman said she passed by before hearing several rounds before the shock came.

The manager of the hotel which was sleeping upstairs and was shocked by the explosion.

No negroes have ever lived in our county until last year when they were brought here to work cotton. There has been a general feeling that they were not wanted, but many people have enjoyed long trips and their numbers have increased.

There have been murmurings of dissatisfaction because of the location of their hotel in the business district and reports have been circulated regarding the conduct of the people there.

It is supposed that the attempted dynamiting came as an expression of objection of some person or persons to the presence of these people.

It is understood the the dynamite case is being investigated and furthermore that steps may be made to realize the negro population something like a specified district.

The hotel has been under watch for several days and on Wednesday of this week a complaint was made against the proprietor, charging him with keeping a disorderly house and Jim Percy was arrested Wednesday on the charge.

DARK MOONLIGHT PICNIC ON SHADY PRAIRIE

Mrs. Bob Strayhorn and Joe Benson treated their friends to a Dark Moonlight picnic on the Shady Prairie Wednesday night. There were about ten automobiles with an average of five to the car and they hiked to the above named place where a most delightful time was spent. The hosts served thirteen fried chickens nine barrels of pickles and a few lemonade.

The bunch returned home prior to the rising of the sun.

Hand Concert

The Snyder Brass Band served a delightful concert at the City Park Auditorium last night and a large number witnessed the program.

Safe Blown at Boscos

News was received here Thursday that the safe at the T. & P. depot in Bosco was blown open by robbers Wednesday night and about \$250 were taken. A bomb was set on the safe at the express office but failed to explode. It is said that two pistols were stolen from the express office.

Frank Holt Finds It

Frank Holt, the man who tried to assassinate J. P. Morgan, committed suicide Tuesday night by leaping from the top of his jail cell and fracturing his skull. He had been identified as Muster, charged with murdering his wife in 1888.

Miss Charlotte Sturdivant is employed at the Clerk's office as Deputy County Clerk and she is filling the position nicely.

Miss Velma Howell, of Lorraine is visiting Miss Lucille Galloway this week.

COUNTY COURT MEETS MONDAY

JURY LIST FOR THE WEEK

County Court will convene next week with Judge C. H. Buchanan on the bench.

It is understood that there are a number of important cases on the docket.

Following is the list of jurors for the week:

J. W. Card, O. L. Jones, Long Headerson, T. W. Hodges, W. J. Head, E. H. Haugh, J. H. Adams, Joe Strachan, W. H. Shuler, J. T. Cary, E. P. Antworth, Dick Kelly.

Colored Baptists Organize

The colored Baptists in Snyder held services Sunday and Tuesday night at the Baptist church and it is understood that they have their organization almost completed. They are using an old house just east of the express office near the R. R. station in which to hold their church services.

Man Dies at Stamford

Mr. Farren, mother of Mrs. F. J. Farren died at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning at her home in Stamford. She was nearly 84 years old. Mrs. Farren had been home with her son for several days and sent a message to Mr. Farren Wednesday morning informing him of the death. Mr. Farren could talk since Thursday of April.

Saw Sights in the Auto World

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Grayson returned Sunday morning after an absence of two weeks. While away they visited Detroit, Buffalo and Niagara Falls and had the pleasure of visiting the beautiful boat ride from Detroit to Buffalo over Lake Erie, a distance of 252 miles and Fred says he did not get sea sick at all, not might have gotten sick if Mrs. Grayson hadn't been along.

They visited the large automobile plants of Dodge Brothers Motor Co., Ford Motor Co. and others and Fred says he never dreamt of such immense auto plants and says he knows that some folks will not believe him when he tells the truth about such large factories and how many men they work.

He comes home more thoroughly convinced a greater necessity everyday and that it will not be very long until every man and woman will own a car.

He now talks your arm off about it if you will give him a chance and does not seem to get tired of it.

Mr. Graham represents the Dodge Bros. in seven counties surrounding Snyder, in the sale of their motor cars.

He says his trip through the factory was very interesting and will be worth a great deal to him in the future sale of cars.

We welcome them back and trust that the pleasant memories of their trip will linger in their minds for years to come.

The Signal is informed that Mr. McMullan's wheat crop is turning out 25 bushels to the acre and he has 250 acres.

W. C. Jones and wife to H. C. Gill, 140 acres out of Section 28, block 1, H. & G. N. \$1,200.

W. W. Nelson, Jr. and wife to Guy Paxton, lot 2 block 19, Blankenship addition, \$1,500.

J. N. Beaver to Mrs. Kate Beaver, 120 acres out of Section 26, block 9, \$1,500.

A. C. Wilmette to Robt. H. Curtis, lots 1 to 6 in block 10, Wilmette addition, \$400.

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A. V. Harrold and wife to W. T. Jackson, north half of lot 1 in block 24, Blankenship addition, \$250.

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A. L. Elkins was here Tuesday from Fort City. Our friends are always glad to see Dad. It will be a long time before he'll have as many friends anywhere as he has in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Irving left last week for El Paso where they will reside. Dr. and Mrs. Scarborough went with them. Dr. Scarborough came back Tuesday but his wife will remain there with the young folks for a few days.

Miss Lois Porter is visiting her friend, Miss Cruiser at Paint Rock for a few days.

PROPERTY VALUES HAVE INCREASED

SULLIVAN COUNTY TAX ROLLS SHOW BIG INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

The tax assessor force have about finished up the taxable values for the present year and have furnished the Signal with the following figures and estimates. Total property value for 1914, \$6,412,067. The rolls, aside from railroads show an increase of approximately \$145,000. It is estimated that the intangible value of the P. & N. T. R. will be increased which will be added to the above amount. The total value for the year cannot be given in full until the rolling stock value and the intangible values of the railroads are given out from Austin.

These figures are not exact work but show in cold facts the progress in the County. The population of the County has also increased at a good rate due to the increased number of school children reported by the County Judge.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Mrs. Irene Neumann, lot 16, T. 1, H. 1, S. 1, 10, 11 and 12 in block 32, Franklin, \$1,000.

John Smith to G. W. Underwood, lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in block 22, Grant Park, lot 1, \$1,000.

J. H. Angell and wife to J. T. James part of Section 134, block 37, H. & T. C. \$225.

J. M. Stephens and wife to Miss Estelle Evans, lots 5 and 6, Grimes 140, \$1,500.

J. H. Williamson and wife to W. P. Penfold, east half of lot 2, W. quarter of Section 246, block 37, H. & T. C. \$1,500.

H. W. Nelson and wife to W. J. Robinson, S. W. fourth of sec. 16, block 7, H. & G. N. \$1,200.

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